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SUBJECT: NOTE ON POLISH COMMERCIAL OFFICE

1. DEPARTMENT HANDED OVER NOTE TO POLISH DCM WIEJACZ NOVEMBER 5 APPROVING OPENING OF POLISH TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO. WIEJACZ READ NOTE AND RECALLED INTEREST GOP HAD EXPRESSED IN ITS NOTE IN LATER RAISING THE LEVEL OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE TO A CONSULATE. BAKER (EUR/EE) INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD BE A MATTER FOR THE FUTURE AND POLES SHOULD PLAN ON OPERATING ON PRESENT BASIS. HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE POLISH-AMERICAN TRADE. EMBASSY WARSAW NOW AUTHORIZED TO PROCESS VISAS FOR POLISH PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO SAN FRANCISCO.

2. AFTER HANDING OVER NOTE, BAKER STATED THAT THERE IS TO BE NO CHANGE IN STATUS OF STAFF OF POLISH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN NEW YORK AND HANDED COPY OF RELEVANT CUSTOMS REGULATIONS TO WIEJACZ. HE EXPLAINED THAT MORE RIGOROUS CUSTOMS EXAMINATION WHICH EFFECTS OF NEWLY ARRIVED PERSONNEL RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER PROBABLY RESULT OF MORE STRINGENT EXAMINATIONS CUSTOMS CARRYING OUT IN NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM AND WERE NOT AIMED AT POLISH

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OFFICIALS IN PARTICULAR.

3. BAKER ALSO REVIEWED FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN
AREA OF BUSNISS FACILITATION WORKING GROUP URGING FAVORABLE

ACTION BY GOP: (A) LOT SALES OF PANAM TICKETS FOR ZLOTYS
FOR ROUTES OTHER THAN WARSAW-NEW YORK; (B) PAYMENT OF
RENT OUT OF ZLOTYS AMERICAN BUSINESS REPRESENTATIONS
GENERATE LOCALLY; (C) HIRING OF LOCALS BY BUSINESS REPS,
AND FREEZE ON ADVERTISING FOR HELP; (D) HIGH FEE FOR EXIT
VISAS (\$100) ON POLISH EMPLOYEES OF U.S. REPRESENTATIONS
TRAVELING ABROAD ON COMPANY BUSINESS; (E) NEED TO CLARIFY
PROBLEMS RELATING TO APPLICATION FORMS AND PROCEDURES FOR
ESTABLISHING REPRESENTATION OFFICES OF U.S. BANKS.

4. BAKER COMMENTED THAT HE HAD RAISED THE ISSUES
ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE INASMUCH AS THEY REPRESENTED
MATTERS ON WHICH THE U.S. SIDE HAD ASKED FOR
FAVORABLE ACTION BY GOP DURING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE
US-POLISH TRADE COMMISSION IN WARSAW. HE EXPRESSED HOPE
THAT THE NEW POLISH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR STRUS WOULD, IN
HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
LAZARUS BE ABLE TO BRING NEWS OF FAVORABLE ACTION BY GOP
IN THESE AREAS. RUSH

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